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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BOYCOTTS: PAKISTANI SHIPPING CLAUSE

1. SHIPPING CLAUSESREQUIRING PRECAUTIONARY CERTIFICATIONS:

A. PAKISTANI CLAUSES PROHIBITING (A) SHIPMENTS TO OR FROM
PAKISTAN ON FLAG VESSELS OF ISRAEL, SOUTH AFRICA OR TAIWAN
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OR (B) SHIPMENTS TO OR FROM PAKISTAN VIA PORTS OF THESE
COUNTRIES, ARE PERMISSIBLE UNDER BOTH THE FINAL TREASURY
DEPT. GUIDELINES UNDER TAX REFORM ACT AND THE COMMERCE
DEPT. REGULATIONS UNDER EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT.

B. SINCE PAKISTAN DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
THESE THREE COUNTRIES, IT IS ASSUMED BY TREASURY THAT THERE

IS A NEED TO PROTECT SHIPMENTS IN TRANSIT AGAINST WAR RISK OR RISK OF CONFISCATION. AN AGREEMENT TO THESE CLAUSES DOES NOT CONSTITUTE BOYCOTT PARTICIPATION OR COOPERATION UNDER THE TAX REFORM ACT.

2. SHIPPING CLAUSES REQUIRING BOYCOTT CERTIFICATIONS:

A. RECENT COMMERCE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REPORT TO CONGRESS (OCTOBER 1976-MARCH 1977) SHOWS 23 BOYCOTT REPORTS OF PAKISTAN ORIGIN REQUESTING CERTIFICATION THAT SHIPS DESTINED FOR PAKISTANI PORTS ARE NOT "BLACKLISTED".

B. U.S. COMPANIES MAY JEOPARDIZE SIGNIFICANT TAX BENEFITS IF THEY CERTIFY IN CONTRACT DOCUMENTS THAT GOODS WILL NOT BE SHIPPED ON A SHIP BLACKLISTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN. SUCH CERTIFICATIONS WOULD CONSTITUTE PARTICIPATION IN OR COOPERATION WITH AN INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT UNDER TAX REFORM ACT OF 1976 AND ALSO COULD BE A PROHIBITED ACT UNDER THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENTS OF 1977.

C. USING SUCH OFFICIAL OR COMMERCIAL SOURCES AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER REQUESTS FOR BLACKLIST CERTIFICATES FOR SHIPS HAVE BEEN RESULT OF OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN POLICY AND, IF SO, WHETHER PAKISTAN WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE THE USE OF SUCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLAUSES IN LETTERS OF CREDIT OR OTHER STAGES OF BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS. IF SUCH CERTIFICATES ARE NOT REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHO PROVIDES THE IMPETUS FOR REQUIRING THEM AND WHETHER STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO AVOID THEIR USE IN THE FUTURE.

D. INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE IS REQUIRED BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT TO ENABLE IT TO DETERMINE WHETHER PAKISTAN SHOULD BE PLACED ON LIST OF COUNTRIES REQUIRING PARTICIPATION IN OR COOPERATION WITH AN INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT. THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1976 REQUIRES TREASURY TO PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN SUCH LIST. COOPER

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